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I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY ADJUSTING THE OPTICAL POWER
DIRECTED TO A DISPERSION COMPENSATING ELEMENT

the specification of which

[X] is attached hereto.

[] was filed on _____ as

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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NONE

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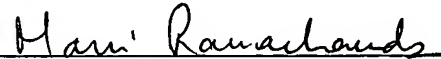
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